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Dear Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004. This is a request for a one month extension of time from September 4, 2004 to October 4, 2004. Please charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038 the amount of \$55.00, to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Please consider this a petition to extend the time to respond if an additional extension of time is deemed necessary by the Office. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038 if such additional extension is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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